Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

November 14, 2016

Members Present: Robert A. Vaughan, Jr. (Chair), Andrea Allen, Erin Nagel, Celeste Walley-Jean, Judith Ogden, Mark Watson, Patricia Smith, Victoria Foster, MeriBeth Stegall, Kelli Nipper, Thomas McIlwain, Craig Hill

Members Not Present: Josh Kitchens, Susan Copeland, Michael Dancs, Emily Harbert, Melanie Poudevigne, Mari Roberts, Charles Elfer, Dennis Attick, Charlie Harris

Guest: Barbara Goodman

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from October 17, 2016 Graduate Affairs Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ogden and approved by the Committee.

Dr. Barbara Goodman presented the final version of the 4+1 English degree proposal. All of the prior changes were incorporated for the committee to review. A motion to approve was made by Ogden, seconded by Allen, and approved by the committee.

Dr. Andrea Allen presented the proposed changes to the criminal justice degree program. The changes are the elimination of the two tracks and streamlining the courses for the program. A motion to approve the changes was made by Walley-Jean, seconded by McIlwain, and approved by the committee.

Dr. Judith Ogden presented the Master of Accountancy degree program proposal. She indicated the institution would potentially start losing students to other institutions because most CPAs want a Master of Accountancy rather than an MBA with a concentration in Accounting. The proposal with the full program and courses will be presented at a future meeting. This was an informational item for the committee. The College of Business hopes to offer it as an online program.

Dr. Vaughan discussed the release time for graduate courses. He indicated the Graduate Affairs committee will send a recommendation to the Provost regarding release time for graduate courses. One of the reasons for this discussion stems from the need to replenish the institutions depleted reserves by 2020. He indicated that our classification is a state university and there are no other institutions within this classification granting 1.5 course release. The committee discussed the topic and it was determined a more specific account of the savings from this particular change would be helpful. The requested information would determine the savings based on

* 1.5 course release with no enrollment minimum
* 1.5 course release with a 15 enrollment minimum
* 1.5 course release with a 10 enrollment minimum
* 1.33 course release with a 15 enrollment minimum
* 1.33 course release with a 10 enrollment minimum
* 1.25 course release with a 15 enrollment minimum
* 1.25 course release with a 10 enrollment minimum

Dr. Vaughan indicated he would invite Provost Demmitt to a future meeting to discuss this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by Elizabeth Taylor